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A WORD OF WARNING, OR THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD

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"PUT on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Eph. vi 11-13).

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. xxiv 21, 22; John xiv 30; xvi 11; Eph. ii 2).

It has not been our purpose in times past to give out information that would intimidate our readers: we would rather give them assurances that will make them strong

and wise. However, as we are now entering upon a time of trial such as never was, it becomes necessary that all should know something of the adversaries with which they are called to deal.

The time was when the Lord's people who simply believed in the Lord Jesus and who lived in the spirit of devotion, without any desire for knowledge, were protected by the angel of the Lord, but the time has now come when this condition is past. No longer can anyone rest in the mere spirit of devotion. The word has now gone forth: "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." All others will be necessitated to pass over the river of death and to come up again in another incarnation.

Our word is to the overcomers exclusively, and we know that all men and women who begin to live the regenerate life and who desire to know the truth, in order that the truth shall make them free from the law of sin and death, are accounted in insurrection against "the prince of this world;" and the adversaries from within themselves and from without, will begin at once to use all their powers to mislead, drag down, and bind them in the old order of things, or to misguide them and lead them into certain organizations, that the evil ones are now forming in the world under false representations, so that they may receive the mark of the beast or animal desires; and once they have received this mark, it is very difficult for them to eradicate it from their foreheads, or to free themselves from its power.

When the angel, the messenger of the Lord came to John with that wonderful revelation concerning the closing period of the history of this age, one of the strongest messages was, "He that overcometh, *et cetera*." This message was delivered to each of the seven churches, or seven vital centers of His people. Overcomes what? Of course, first, himself; but remember, in overcoming self we also must overcome the world. Jesus said, "Be of

good cheer; I have overcome the world." Again he said, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me," which emphatically implied that because there was nothing in him that belonged to or responded to the prince, or the ruling spirit, of this world, therefore it could not touch him, for he had overcome the world.

They who overcome must meet and conquer all the adversaries that are now striving to organize the whole human family into a body which is to try to hold possession of the world against the incoming of God's people and his angels; but before bringing to light what we have to say on this subject, we wish to forearm our readers with the knowledge that, if your mind is pure and if your eye is single, having but one desire—to know, in order that you may do the will of God, and if you are faithfully following the highest and best that is given you, you are perfectly safe and will always be protected from these evil powers. In fact, unless there is something within yourself that desires that which these powers represent, they have no power over you.

When the Spirit of the Lord called me apart from the world in 1874, I was led to go into the mountains in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, where a little company gathered, to be led and instructed by the Spirit. It was while there that the Lord came to me and called me to this work, and while there I was instructed in the laws governing spirit manifestation, and in the laws governing the workings of these wicked spirits, or elementals, upon the minds and hearts of the people. After I had been thoroly instructed in these and many other things, I went down from the mountains and lived in Philadelphia, but virtually in seclusion, for some years, during which time I was investigating the phenomena of Spiritualism and of all occult manifestations, and the manifestations of the invisible, in every possible form to which I could obtain access, and while I know that among the Spiritualists there are many good, honest, earnest people, yet I know too

that so far as they are led by these invisible intelligences, they are deceived, misled, and are gradually but surely being dragged down.

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All who start out to overcome will find that there are times when they struggle with some dark power, and they know not what it is, but when that power is virtually overcome, when the power is broken, then will that dark influence show itself to the individual and make itself fully known, which indicates that it is conquered. But do not be deceived even by this, for, in every case, after they have revealed themselves these dark influences will make at least one more desperate effort.

Every medium knows, and every careful investigator of Spiritualism knows what it means to have these dark influences threaten them with dire results if they do not yield to their demands, but if a person has never yielded to them, nor sought their aid, but trusts in God, and investigates simply in order that he may know, these powers can have no effective influence upon him. To those who have been threatened by these dark influences our instructions have always been to defy them in their threats and rise above them, for then they can do nothing.

There are many organizations that are being formed in the world, which we have also carefully investigated, and we know that there are certain so-called mystic orders, occult societies, which are carried on apparently wholly by persons in the body and that there are others which are carried on by persons in the body who claim that their "master" is in the spirit; and we know that there are many of these who are working directly under the control of these dark influences—we may call them elementals, as the Hindus do; call them demons, as the Bible does, or call them spirits, as the Spiritualists do, it matters not. But many will ask: "Where do they come from? What are they?" The WATCH TOWER people have said that they are fallen angels. The Hindus say that they

are organized elements that spring into existence thru the operation of the same law by which man "comes into existence and therefore they are nature spirits, but as their number and variety are so great, for our part we would not attempt to say much about their origin. But we have reason to believe that some of them are departed souls of men and women who in their lifetime lived wholly in the senses; some of them in the in the lower and evil passions—and as these passions were the composition of their nature, they are not changed by the loss of the body. But some of these beings that we have seen have made us wonder what they are and where they came from, because they appeared in such a variety of shapes. However, we have never deemed it of sufficient importance to search out their origin, for that matters but little. That they exist, it is necessary that we should know, and we should know also that they have no power over God's people, only so far as they can get control of evilly disposed persons in the body and cause them to persecute God's people thru psychological power. We read in Revelation that the time will come when—and we believe it is rapidly approaching—when the demons will have such full control of the world, and of the rulers of the world, that they will bring about a terrible persecution of all those who hold to the true doctrine of the Christ.

Many of these societies of which we speak, called occult societies or mystic orders, claim to hold to the Bible, and actually to take up the truths which are taught by the Lord's people, and hold them up as if they were the leading tenets of their order; but, on careful investigation, we have found that unless a person is willing to yield to certain lower passions, they will not be accepted as members. Especially is this true among those societies, organizations, whose headship is claimed to be on the invisible side, but we believe that in all cases where these societies are inversive or perversive in their character, governed by the prince of this world, no person will be

imprest into joining with them unless there is some evil in his own heart which leads him to do so.

Now, we do not say that all the mystic Orders that are before the world at the present time are under the control of these evil influences, but we do say, as we have said in our former writings, let every one of God's people stand alone with God, until he knows without a doubt the voice of the guiding intelligence and is led by and thru that Divine guidance to unite with some organized body of God's chosen people; for you can not become a member of any organized body without being partaker of the spirit governing that body, in every particular. Therefore, we repeat, be careful to what body you unite yourself. (B. R., Vol. III p. 356.)



O LITTLE town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem!
Deseend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great, glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

—Phillips Brooks.

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES

BY ENOCH PENN

HEALTH IS "CATCHING"

Question. — I once read an article in which the writer stated that "health is catching," just the same as disease. What do you think about this?

Answer. — Yes, it is true. When the woman who had an issue of blood twelve years came and touched the hem of Jesus' garment, she caught of his health, and was healed. He said, "I perceive virtue is gone out of me," which implied that he gave out to her of his healthy life.

When one has lived the regenerate life, has retained his seed until filled with life, sometimes the presence of a sickly person will in a measure deplete him of life, as a warm substance gives of its warmth to a nearby cold substance. This makes the sick person feel better, but it is sometimes distressing to the healthy one. Some persons who are sensitive to changes in their vitality will cross the street to avoid meeting those whose presence affects them unpleasantly.

DISEASE IS OF THE MIND

Question. — You have stated that a soul may retain the diseased state of its body after it loses its body. Would you have us understand that disease of the body is of the soul?

Answer. — Yes.

Question. — If you claim that disease is of the soul, what evidence have we that it is so?

Answer. — When Jesus healed the (epileptic?) lad, he said, "Thou deaf and dumb spirit, come out of him and enter no more into him," and when this deaf and dumb spirit came out the lad was healed. His condition, then, was forced upon his body by the presence of a discarnate soul that was in that deaf and dumb state. The evidences are that the soul causes the body to manifest its beliefs. Because of this a healer by sending to a sick person with

his vitality, the thought of health, when the soul of the sick person accepts that thought, it begins to cause the body to manifest its belief; the body gets well. We believe that all chronic diseased states are maintained by the persistent belief of the soul, usually, if not always, maintained by the presence and influence of a discarnate soul in that same state. This Jesus showed by his miracles of healing, and this is really one of the fundamental tenets of the Christian religion as offered in the Bible.

THE ELOHIM—THE FATHER

Question. What do you understand Jesus meant by his words to one of his disciples, who said, "Show us the Father and it sufficeth us." And Jesus answered, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father"?

Answer.—God, the Father, the Elohim, the Creator, is that body of intelligences in the heavens who said to each other, "Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness." As Jesus said, "I came out from God, and I return to God." It seems that he gave his disciples to understand that as one of the Elohim (Gods) he came to earth, sent by them to do a certain work. And when that work was done, he would return to them, to be among them again as he was before. This is implied in his prayer: "Glorify thou me with the glory that I had with thee before the world [this age] was."

God the Creator is not an individual person, but that body of the Elohim (Elohim, Hebrew, meaning Gods) who are called "The God of hosts," apparently because there are hosts of them. Tho they are many in number, yet they are one in thought and purpose. As Mr. Butler says in "The Goal of Life," "We are not here presenting you with many Gods, but with a God of many members." And this seems to have been the thought in the mind of Jesus, and was implied in his words, when in his prayer to the Father about his disciples he said, "that they may all be one as we are." That is, as the God of hosts are a

body of many united in spirit, in thought and in purpose, so he prayed that his disciples might attain to the same unity. So the answer of Jesus was equivalent to, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father," for I am one of them.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Question.—What do you understand to be "the mark of the beast" as mentioned in Revelation, that the unredeemed are to receive in their hands and in their foreheads?

Answer.—Among certain savage tribes it has been, and is, a custom to tattoo marks on their faces to indicate to which tribe they belong; and sometimes slaves were branded to identify them. To mark the forehead, or seat of intelligence, indicates one to have the intelligence and understanding in accord with the mark. We read that the redeemed received on their foreheads the name of God and of his son, implying that the thought and understanding were in accord with the Divine nature. The mark of the beast, or animal, on the forehead and on the hand indicates that the mind and the works are wholly in accord with the animal nature. Such persons are simply intelligent animals, and nothing more. The animal nature, or the carnal mind, "is enmity against God," spiritual things are foolishness to it. Because of these things we would say that to have the mark of the beast on the forehead is to be in a mental state which makes the understanding of spiritual things impossible. And the mark on the hand indicates that the works will be accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEK

Question.—Please advise me how is membership in The Order of Melchisedek to be attained?

Answer.—Among those in the heavens there is established The Order of Melchisedek, with Jesus as High

Priest. One who follows Jesus in the regeneration will, in time, and it should not take many years, be initiated into that Order when those in the Spirit-world see that one is ready. We have written and have for sale a book on The Order of Melchisedek which will give you the information you desire, so far as we are able to give it.

Question.—Is it proper for one to stimulate the sex-organs as long as one does not waste the vital fluid?

Answer. Relative to your idea of stimulating the sex-function, our experience seems to prove that those who really seek the regeneration and maintain the proper attitude of devotion toward God while retaining the seed will have all the activity they can handle, for the prayerful attitude causes them to inspire a higher quality of life which in itself excites the sex-function to activity.

A SPIRITUAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Question.—What does it mean to have a spiritual consciousness?

Answer.—If you were completely blind, you would be unconscious of the appearance of the many things about you, but if you gradually became able to see, a new world would open itself to your consciousness, a world of light. It was always about you, but you were unconscious of it. And if you were completely deaf and you began gradually to hear, until you could hear perfectly, then a new world would open to you, a world of sound. Sounds are nearly always to be heard but the deaf are unconscious of them. It is the same relative to the activities of the spiritual world. The Church teaches about going to heaven as tho it were in a certain locality, but if to be in heaven is to be in the presence of God, as the Church teaches, then we are now in heaven as much as we ever will or can be. For if God is everywhere, and "in him we live and move and have our being," and if the words of the Spirit, "Do not I fill heaven and earth?"

are true, then we are as much in the presence of God, as much in heaven, now as we ever will or can be. Our task is not to go to some distant heaven when we die, but to develop our inherent faculties so that we can become conscious of the spiritual world in which we now live, but of which we are not conscious, and can not be conscious until we live so that our dormant soul-senses awake.

We have been taught that when the body dies, if one has believed certain things the soul will have a spiritual consciousness, but we can find nothing in the Bible nor in nature as evidence that the soul knows anything more when out of the body than while in the body. All the teachings of the Bible are directed toward developing the man into Godlikeness of character, of knowledge and of power, so that he can control all things in this world and make it a paradise. And that he should grow into Godlikeness and learn to dominate all nature was in the beginning the declared purpose of his Creator concerning him

It was to teach men how to live so that they would become conscious of that spiritual world in which we now live, but of which very few have any consciousness, that Jesus came to earth. And they who faithfully follow Jesus into the regeneration, into the new birth, will find that the eyes and the ears of the soul will open and they will be able to see and hear and know in the Spirit-world, in heaven.

TO BE SAVED

Question.—I should like to have you explain to me the meaning or implication of the word "saved" in the statement, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." My reason for asking is that there seems to be many who believe that the word "saved" as used here signifies that when they die they will be taken to heaven.

Answer.—Other passages in the Bible show very

clearly that the word "saved" as used here can not have the meaning of being saved in heaven; for the conditions of salvation are not so easy and simple as that. The implication here seems to be that they who call on, or invoke the help of, God shall receive help, or deliverance from their difficulty. We believe this is true to-day. No doubt the degree of sincerity on the part of the one who calls determines the degree of help received. But how many know the name of the LORD that they may call upon it? It is written, "The name YAHVEH is a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

Unhappily the word "saved" and "salvation," and other words are used very loosely in the Bible, and that the church people should accept this statement to mean a full salvation of the soul is unfortunate. This unquestioning belief is one of the reasons that many Christians refuse to listen to and are unable to perceive the teachings of the Bible.

DENYING ONESELF

Question.—Jesus said "If any man would follow me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me." I should like to know what you think is meant by the words "deny himself."

Answer.—Our understanding of these words is that they refer to the same thought exprest by the words "Put off the old man with his deeds."

We all know that even tho we try to be still and stop thinking, still thoughts of different kinds will be forced thru the brain and we think willy nilly. This thinking is not of the mind, it is of the body, it is the "carnal" nature. The fact that these thoughts are not acceptable to us and the conclusions reached are not in accord with our best judgment shows that these thoughts do not originate with us, are not our own. All this must be stopt; we must deny and refuse to allow this "carnal mind,"

this "mind of the flesh," to rule us. The carnal mind must be rejected as the judge and arbiter in the affairs of our lives and kept in its place as a servant. As it is written in I Cor. x 5, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." That is, compel all thinking to be of the Christ-mind which we are putting on. For the "new man," the "mind which was in Christ," must be the judge and master in all matters.

The writer once heard Mr. Butler say, "To get control of the seed is a gigantic task; but to get control of the mind is a ten times greater task." If we do not get control of our minds can we be that which we will to be? Are we not the slaves of whatever can compel us to think as it will? Do not men control others by causing them to think what they want them to think?

THE LAWS OF NATURE

Question. I have wondered why you speak so often about natural laws when we are supposed to be learning spiritual laws, or perhaps it would be more correct to say, Why do you insist that we learn the laws of nature when what we really need to learn is the laws relative to Spirit, seeing we seek to live a spiritual life?

Answer. Our bodies are subject to the natural laws of this material world. And since to follow Jesus perfectly is to overcome death and live forever, we see the necessity of knowing and applying all the natural laws pertaining to our bodies, so that we may keep them in perfect health. And the fact that people suffer more or less from sickness, and premature death is so common, shows the need of a knowledge of the laws relative to our own bodies.

Dietetics and physical exercise practically include all that is studied relative to the health of the body, save

among those who study the effect of mental states upon the body. Paul announced, "The sorrow of the world worketh death," which was a clear declaration that the health of the body is affected by the feelings; and we know that the thoughts affect the feelings.

One great difficulty is that most persons are extremists; one accepts a certain medicine as a cure-all; another, physical exercise; another, dietetics; another, states of mind; another, prayer. Experience seems to show that no one thing is enough.

If persons care so little that they pay very little attention to the physical processes which affect their bodies, it is not to be expected that they will pay much attention to the effect upon their bodies of their mental states. One of the Bible writers summed up the question of the effect of the feelings and emotions by saying "Anger dwelleth in the bosom of fools." And when we observe in our own bodies how anger poisons both the body and the mind, we must conclude that statement is correct. We have found by experience that usually to state a simple law of mind or of the effects of certain actions upon both body and mind, provokes incredulity or ridicule, if not violent antagonism.

Since they are very few who have any consciousness of Spirit, seeing that the laws of the body and of the mind are commonly so little understood, and so fully ignored, what use would be served by teaching the laws relative to a spiritual life, save only those natural laws the observance of which is but a preparation for the attaining of a spiritual consciousness? And this the Bible, from one end to the other, makes the effort to do.

The fatal fallacy which the Church has for centuries taught the people, that if they will only believe and accept and acknowledge Jesus as their Savior because of his sufferings and death on the cross, they will go home to heaven when they die, thus making a short life and quick death the chiefest blessing of those who believe, seems

to be the chief cause of the ignorance relative to the care of the body and the development of the mind, in that it denies the need of knowledge and understanding.

PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS

Question.—What is your explanation of the statement of Jesus that after the gospel of the kingdom had been preached to all nations the end would come. Just what the term "the end" means is not very clear to me. But the churches have spread their teachings thruout the world; there is no nation, scarcely a tribe, to whom they have not given their teachings. Why, do you think, has there been no great apparent result?

Answer. The gospel (the good news) of the kingdom of God, was first to be preached to all nations, then would come the end of the present age (of confusion and misrule?), and the beginning of the new age of the kingdom of God. We understand this to mean that the good news of the methods of living so that men may prepare themselves to be gathered into the kingdom of heaven, so that that kingdom may be set up and established on the earth, is the gospel of the kingdom. The churches have carried the Bible, with their conflicting interpretations of its teachings, to the ends of the earth, and have taught their theologies, which the Bible does not teach, but these things are not the good news of how to fit themselves so that the kingdom of God might come. Since they do not know the manner of living which is necessary to enable them to fit themselves for the kingdom, and the Church does not teach it, how can the predicted result manifest?



To serve the world in difficult tasks,
we must begin with those that are easy.
To serve the world in great affairs,
we must begin with those that are small.

—Lao Tsze.

CHRISTMAS TIME

OVER the land from pole to pole,
Bid the sweet chimes of Christmas roll,
Speeding with light around the earth,
Proclaiming heavenly babe had birth.

While many a star doth gem the night,
And circle in their orbits bright;
That which shone o'er Bethlehem's plain,
Will ever have a magic claim.

Joy for the babe; joy for the star—
Revealing heavenly gates ajar;
That even stellar orbs might bring
Their tribute to a true-born King.

For unto one of lowly birth
'Twas given to be the sun of earth;
Then, onward, let the joy-bells roll
To bear His love from soul to soul.

And as swift, speeding years shall bring
Still other birthdays of our King;—
Winged love inspire as rolls the hour
That all with Him may rise to power.

Tho light in magic power shall glow
Imparting love to all below;
Yet there shall never cease to chime
That sweet old joy of Christmas time.



Believe nothing which is unreasonable, and reject
nothing as unreasonable without proper examination.

—Buddha.

THE MEANING OF OUR FRONTISPIECE

THE Esoteric Work is now well on its way in its fifty-first year, the fiftieth year having closed with the June number of this magazine. During those fifty years, while the object of our work has remained ever the same, yet our magazine has been conducted under four different names: First, as "The Esoteric," into the thirteenth year; then, for a period, as "The Occult and Biological Journal;" following this, for a number of years, as "Bible Review;" and then, in 1926, returning again to our original frontispiece, which adorns the front cover of this magazine, we took the present name, "The Christian Esoteric," and this December number closes the twelfth volume.

During these fifty years, the magazine has been, for most of the time, published monthly, and part of the time, bi-monthly, which accounts for this present volume being forty-four of our Esoteric series of magazines.

It was our intention, when we began, to give an explanation of the design on the front cover, for a number have asked us its meaning, and there are no doubt many others who have not asked, who will be interested:

The figure in the foreground represents the Genius of the New Age, in the act of drawing aside the mystic veil which covers the face of the people. This reveals the mystic orb or spiritual Sun and Source of inner light and life, (this sun being the symbol of the Occident; the moon holding the same significance to the Orient)—its rays, having dispersed the denser clouds, are seen falling upon the continent of North America.

The waters about the Earth symbolize the clouds or waters of darkness and affliction, in which the earth was for so long wholly enveloped, and which for so long have been as a veil obscuring the glorious mystic orb and light of life and spiritual day.

The book in the right hand of the Genius represents the accumulated and long hidden Truth which thru the

agency of our Esoteric work and publications has been given, and is being given, to the interior mind of the race. The vista on the left represents the pyramids of Egypt and the Acropolis at Athens, as expressive of the line of historical descent of the Esoteric mysteries.

If we felt that this Esoteric work was our work, or the work of men, we would not feel free to make the statement that we have made in the foregoing paragraph, that thru the agency of this Esoteric work the accumulated and long hidden Truth has been given to the interior mind of the race; but since we recognize this as YAHVEH'S work for His people, and that the workers are only instruments thru which it has come to the Lord's people, we do not hesitate to make the statement.

This work is going on in God's own way—the light that began to shine into the darkness of the Earth with the beginning of the Esoteric work, has permeated every sphere of human thought and action. Truth is vital and when it touches the life of a person it enters in and becomes a part of that persons interior life. YAHVEH'S way is to enter into the very life-currents of the individuals, thus causing a change in the very nature of the vitality of the race. The Truth that has gone forth thru the instrumentality of these publications, has become a living, thinking intelligence in the life of the race. As Jesus said: "The words that I have spoken unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life."



"The wounds I might have healed!
The human sorrow and smart!
And yet it never was in my soul
To play so ill a part:
But evil is wrought by want of thought
As well as want of heart."

—Hood,

PLANETARY INFLUENCES FOR DECEMBER

HELIOCENTRIC POSITIONS ARE USED THRUOUT

There is necessarily considerable repetition in stating the planetary influences from month to month, as the larger planets remain in a sign of the zodiac for a considerable time.

URANUS IN SCORPIO

Uranus (♅) is in the sign Scorpio (♏). As Uranus is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Sensation, which principle is the basis of all consciousness, being in Scorpio it turns the attention to the sensations resulting thru the functioning of sex, giving a perception of the, usually ignored, undesirable effects on the body of sexual indulgence or of any loss of vitality thru that function. The perception of these undesirable effects of the loss of vitality will prompt to restraint of the sex-impulses and give an inclination to chastity.

It will also disincline to express the mind fully, giving a tendency to hide one's thoughts, with the inclination to carry out one's plans in silence and secrecy. These influences will be most perceptible to persons born in the sign Scorpio, from October 23rd to November 22nd of any year, and by persons otherwise qualified by Scorpio. And particularly now by persons born on or near November 5th.

SATURN IN LIBRA

Saturn (♄) is now in the sign Libra (♎), and while in the sign Libra all the disturbing influences of Saturn, with its tendency to bring about sudden changes, which have for more than two years affected the lives of all persons born in the sign Virgo (♍), will now be felt in the lives of persons born in the sign Libra, between September 23rd and October 23rd. Those persons born between these dates, and especially those born on or near September 25th, are liable to see sudden and decided changes in their lives and affairs.

Because Saturn is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Transmutation, which causes changes from one

state to another state, its influence often brings sudden and complete changes.

While Saturn is in Libra it will tend to improve the mechanical abilities, which will lead to increased improvements in that line. It will increase ideals and visions and the appreciation of the reality of things unseen. It will aid those who seek to improve the domestic and social conditions by giving perceptions of better and higher states relative thereto; but to those who seek simply the enjoyments of the senses it will incline to license rather than to restraint.

JUPITER IN LEO

Jupiter (♃), the embodiment of fermentation, is now in the sign Leo (♌), and it will tend to strengthen the heart, and thus while in that sign will tend to improve the general health, and the ideals concerning the happiness of loving and being loved. It will increase the appreciation of music and give the desire for better and more refined surroundings with the impulse to self-culture and the attaining of an improved standard of living.

While Jupiter is in the sign Leo it will bring the creative principle Fermentation into play in the lives of all persons born in that sign, between July 22 and August 23, which will manifest in an uneasy restlessness, for no apparent reason; this disturbing influence is especially strong now in the lives of persons born on or near July 24th.

MARS IN VIRGO AND LIBRA

Because Mars is the embodiment of the Creative Principle Cohesion, the mother principle, its influence tends to bind and restrain in whatever sphere or department it may be operating.

Until December 9th Mars (♂) will be in the sign Virgo (♍), and while in that sign it will tend to blur the intuitions of the people generally, thus inclining to errors in judgment and consequent mistakes. It will lessen the discrimination relative to food and tend to weaken the digestion.

On December 9th Mars will enter the sign Libra (♎), and while in that sign it will turn the general attention and efforts into business channels; improving the foresight, especially relative to the home and family, thus inclining to successful effort.

EARTH IN SAGITTARIUS AND CAPRICORN

Until December 22nd the earth (♁) will be in the sign Sagittarius (♐), and while in that sign it will tend to increase the general physical activity and the desire to accomplish something definite in whatever direction the efforts may be turned.

On December 22nd, the earth (♁) will enter the sign Capricorn (♑), and while in that sign it will increase the ideals and the plans and the aspirations of the people, especially relative to business.

VENUS IN TAURUS AND GEMINI

Until December 18th Venus (♀) will be in the sign Taurus (♉), and while in that sign it will incline the people to seek pleasure. Persons born in the sign Taurus, between April 20th and May 21th, will find their love and appreciation of the opposite sex increased.

On December 18th Venus (♀) will enter the sign Gemini (♊), and while in that sign it will increase the general desire for scientific knowledge and for the study of books, also it will increase the inclination to express thought.

MERCURY IN LEO, VIRGO, LIBRA, SCORPIO, SAGITTARIUS AND CAPRICORN

Until December 6th Mercury (♿) will be in the sign Leo (♌), and while in that sign it will increase the general conjugal love, and, consequently, the general domestic happiness.

On December 6th Mercury (♿) will enter the sign Virgo (♍), and while in that sign it will strengthen the general digestion, but will tend strongly to dull the perceptions and to blur the intuitions and thus incline to

errors in judgment and consequent mistakes.

On December 13th Mercury (♿) will enter the sign Libra (♎), and while in that sign it will tend to increase the general vitality and also improve the general business foresight.

On December 18th Mercury (♿) will enter the sign Scorpio (♏), and while in that sign it will increase the general vitality and physical recuperative ability, and so will improve the general health, and will aid every effort to restore health.

On December 23rd Mercury (♿) will enter the sign Sagittarius (♐), and while in that sign it will increase the general physical activity and energy.

On December 28th Mercury (♿) will enter the sign Capricorn (♑), and while in that sign it will maintain the general physical activity and energy, and turn the mind toward practical business plans and efforts.

A SUMMING UP

During the first half of the month the general tendency will be to make many mistakes thru lack of clear perception, so that little improvement in present conditions need be looked for. The rest of the month promises a clearer mental state with improved health and increased energy and efforts to accomplish in all lines of business.



DOING GOOD

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

—John Wesley.

SOLAR BIOLOGY

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

THE following question has come to us: "I understand that the zodiac is made by the sun focalizing the influence it receives from the constellation it is in upon the earth; the sun radiating them out in this way making the different signs of the zodiac. Will you please let me know if this understanding is correct? I got this idea from reading a prominent magazine.

Answer.—No, this idea is not correct. If you will examine Diagram No. 5, on page xxxiv of Solar Biology you will see that from the earth as its center there radiates the twelve rays of the zodiac, this is the zodiac used by all Astrologers, and the positions of the heavenly bodies, as viewed from the earth, constitute the geocentric point of observation.

You will then observe that from the sun as a center there radiates another set of twelve signs, it is another zodiac, corresponding to the zodiac that radiates from the earth, save only that its signs are in reversed order. These signs radiating from the sun, which we call the sun's zodiac, is the zodiac thru the signs of which the planets swing as they circle around the sun. Viewing the heavenly bodies from the sun constitutes the heliocentric point of observation. The planets do not travel in the earth's zodiac, they only seem to, for they do not travel around the earth; the moon is the only body that travels around the earth; therefore, the moon is the only body that is concerned or connected with the earth's zodiac. To illustrate this point: We know that the planets do not "retrograde," they only appear to do so. We know that they travel around the sun in regular order, but viewed from the earth they appear to "retrograde."

The earth revolving in its zodiac, as the armature of an electric generator revolves in its magnetic field gives us the "rising signs," or what Astrologers call the "ascendant." And the moon travels around the earth thru the twelve signs of the earth's zodiac, which gives us the

moon's positions. As stated before, the moon is the only body which is in the earth's zodiac.

And as stated, the planets travel around the sun thru the signs of the sun's zodiac, which zodiac bears no relation whatever to the constellations. The constellations have nothing to do with the sun's zodiac, that zodiac which radiates from the sun as its center. Astrology does not recognize the sun's zodiac.

Question.—Have you any books concerning Zodiacal and Planetary influences that affect the regeneration?

Answer.—As you seem not to be acquainted with our teachings, and because the word "regeneration" is used by many publications in quite a different sense from its true meaning of being born again, we would say that so far as planetary influences are to be considered by those who seek the regeneration, it is because of their effect on the sex-nature.

Whenever the moon comes into the sign the earth was in when you were born you experience a time of strong sex-activity. And to attain the regeneration, the rebirth, of which Jesus spoke to Nicodemus, saying, "Ye must be born again," one must retain the seed. This statement is in harmony with the words in I John iii 9, "He that is born of God does not miss, for his seed remaineth in him." For this reason it is important that one who has not gotten control of the generative impulses does well to know these times that he may guard against them. Among other things certain planetary positions excite the sex-nature, but the influence of the moon is most prominent.

If you will take the yearly ephemeris used in Solar Biology, or the one given month by month in this magazine, and watch the times when the moon comes into your sign and be on your guard, you may find it to be a great help to you.

You may ask, "Why may I not use an ordinary Almanac?" Because most almanacs give the time when the moon enters the constellations and not the signs, and the place of the signs and of the constellations, of the same name, do not agree.

As the positions of the moon show when one should be most on guard, so experience shows that at the time when one's rising sign or "ascendent" is coming up while the moon is in one's birth-sign is the time of greatest danger. One does well to set an alarm clock so as to awaken before that time. In order to know the time when one's rising sign is rising we have the "Zodiacal Indicator."

Question.—Inclosed you will find a money order for "Revised Esoteric." You have advertised this book as having an article on "How to study Solar Biology."

Solar Biology is a subject in which I am very much interested. I have read the book from cover to cover many times. I have studied it carefully and earnestly. However, I feel as tho I had barely scratched the surface of the science. Some characters are quite obvious. But I have found others so full of conflicting influences, "both planetary and domestic," that I can not understand them. My character as given in Solar Biology fits me like a glove. I was born January 29, 1916.

Any suggestions you may give me will be greatly appreciated.

A. W.

Answer.—In studying the different natures according to Solar Biology, you will at times find some persons with very conflicting and antagonistic characteristics. In such cases circumstances and education, and early training have decided which characteristics have been developed, and which have been held in abeyance. Only a few days ago we had a man here who was of this type, and tho he had the ability to become either very good or very bad, yet he seems to have turned in the right direc

tion, and to have done very well judged by this world's standards.

You may find some difficulty at times relative to twins, for sometimes one will take more than its even share of one or more qualities, and thus leave the other one deficient in that quality, and make them somewhat different the one from the other.

We feel that the study of Solar Biology well repays one, for it leads the mind out to greater and still greater things relative to life, to universal life, as it manifests thruout the earth.



SAGITTARIUS



THE sign Sagittarius is found in that department of the Grand Man of the Heavens which corresponds to the part represented by the thighs in the human body, which relates to the muscular and motor nerve systems. The sign is pictorially represented by the Centaur—man rising out of, or thru, the horse. The Centaur symbolizes the higher nature of man surmounting, or in control of the animal nature. This is a fitting symbol, for thru the control and purification of the animal nature man gains his powers for progress and attainment.

"We find no symbolic language in which the *horse* does not figure. In the philosophy of the Chaldeans, as written in the stars; the coins of the Druids which are found in our museums; the sculptures of Babylon and Assyria; the pictorial hieroglyphics of Egypt; in all archeo-

logical remains, and even in the Apocalyptic vision—the horse appears, and always with the same significance—as indicating superior powers. The centaur appears on the zodiac of Egypt, Dendera, Esue and India. The Greeks called this sign 'Cheiron,' the executor, the chief; and the artists in picturing him, strove to blend the greatest beneficence and goodness with the strength and majesty."

The people born under this sign, are the expression of fidelity and executive ability. They are represented by the muscles, which are the watchmen in the physical body, that forewarn of danger, and persons of this sign often occupy the same function in the body of humanity. Naturally was the tribe of Levi to which they belong, chosen to fill the priestly office in the wilderness of Sinai. Their period of service as watchmen on Zion's gate was not limited, however, to early times; for of the tribe of Levi, or the people of Sagittarius, there are many who serve the world to-day in the priestly or ministerial office.



EDITORIAL

WE have read that the American people in general are notoriously careless and inaccurate in the use of their words, and we more than half believe it. We at present have in mind the use of the word "Regeneration." We find this word used by some contemporary publications in ways and places which are not at all correct, and this is done so often that the real meaning of the word is being lost.

To regenerate means to generate anew, or to be born again; yet it is used where the word "recover," or "renovate," or other similar words equally remote in meaning should properly be used.

There is one publication coming from an eastern State that teaches what it terms "Regeneration," and so far as we grasp those teachings they are to the effect that, if girls will eat only ripe fruits fresh from the trees and wear only shorts, they will become "regenerated" and begin having babies without the help of men.

Again, there are some who teach that "regeneration can be attained by their particular system of diet; others, again, that regeneration may be attained by a "short cut" thru a system of fasting. Still others sell "Regeneration Tea," doubtless purchased by the credulous in the belief that it will greatly accelerate the onward march of the neophyte; and, if we are not misinformed, there may even be a "soy-bean" course in regeneration. And this misuse of the word Regeneration is very largely by those who claim to be teaching spiritual truths.

It is largely because people have had no experience in the regeneration and the meaning of the word is not realized that it is used wrongly and thus its meaning is being changed. But we would say that in "The Christian Esoteric," and in all of our other publications, when we use the word "regeneration" we mean, to be generated again, or to be born again, which means to awaken to consciousness into another and higher world, the Spirit-world, the angel-world, heaven; which can be done only by living in harmony with the teachings found in the Bible.

As the close of the year approaches we feel that we can not let the year slip away into the past without thanking our subscribers and other friends, for their assistance and for the many thoughtful kindnesses that we have received from them. We often wish that we had more time at our disposal, so that we might write to the many friends of the Work, to thank them personally for their fine cooperation in carrying forward the work. If to some we have seemed neglectful of courtesies, we trust they will accept our regrets, and our explanation that so

often the heart has prompted us with the desire to give more time to personal correspondence and other such matters, when as often the needs and duties pertaining to the carrying on of the work, have crowded in and claimed our time.

And so we take this opportunity to thank you all, and to voice our appreciation of your fine expression of friendship and goodwill, and to greet you with a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

PRICE CHANGES

THE prices of our publications will be increased, beginning with January 1, 1938. Orders mailed to us before the close of December will be filled at the present Low Prices.

OUR DILEMMA

SOME of our subscribers are sensitive about receiving a notice that their subscriptions have expired, seeming to take it as a "dun," and feeling that because they have been on our subscription list for a considerable time, we should know that their intentions are good, and not send them a reminder. Again, some others seem to think we are neglectful if we do not notify them some time in advance of expiration date.

So we have decided that, hereafter, notices of expiration will be mailed one issue in advance of the expiration date. But as we did not get such notices out this month, we wish to remind our subscribers that quite a number of subscriptions expire with this December number.



EXTRACTS FROM OUR EXCHANGES

FROM "Views and Reviews," by William E. Towne,

in a recent number of the *Nautilus* magazine, we take these thoughts on The Creative Power:

"It is the creative power *within you* that will lead you into the way of health, happiness and success. No one on the outside can *give* you these things. They come from within yourself, in response to your own thought and action. Others may help by pointing out the way more clearly, but you must take the necessary steps for yourself. No one can make the application of a principle for you, or direct your own creative forces without your own directed thought and action, any more than you can do the walking for your baby. He must learn to take his own steps, and must use his own muscles in doing so.

"But you have within you unlimited powers for self-expression. The Power by which you were created did not desert you at birth. Dr. Richard C. Cabot, of the Harvard Medical School, said in a recent address to physicians: 'The body has a super wisdom and force which are biased in favor of life rather than death. What is this force? It is God, the healing power which supplies ninety per cent of recovery.'

"This same power is with you always as an aid to anything you want to do of a constructive nature. . . . This Power is always ready and willing to help you to 'change things' so that you may get different and improved results from your activities.

And with all our activities we must combine a certain amount of enthusiasm and industry in the application of our creative energies. Otherwise we do not make channels thru which the creative energy can flow in order to bring us that which we deeply desire. We might as well expect a house to materialize before our eyes without any planning on our part. God works *thru* us when and if we express thru action the divine energy with which we are endowed."



In "Health and Prosperity," in *Unity* magazine, writing about the present wave of interest in Psychiatry, the writer says:

" . . . Psychiatry must go deeper into human hearts and minds before it will solve the ills of humanity as Jesus Christ solves them. It is good to jolly people along and show them the futility and downright danger of thoughts of hate, anger, jealousy, and the well-known brood of destructive emotions, but no one will ever be entirely freed from the dynamic effects of these satanic forces without the intervention of the Christ-mind. "For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved thru him."

"True salvation or safety from evil thinking can be had only by insulating the thinker in a mind aura that is stronger and purer than the race thought to which we all are exposed. Thru His unity with the Father-Mind, Jesus Christ provided such an insulation, and all who cultivate the harmonies of love that He counseled will enter into the consciousness of heaven.

"Undoubtedly the most destructive of all the devastating forces of the universe are hate, anger, revenge. The whole human family believed until the advent of Jesus Christ that these destroyers of men were ordained of God, and their scriptures so taught. Jesus reversed this world-wide thought barrage of death and destruction when He announced, "Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven."

"The thought atmosphere of the earth is so heavily charged with destructive thoughts at the present time that sane minds look on with amazement and wonder if the race is about to destroy itself. The only safety in the presence of this mental dynamite is to insulate oneself in the love of God thru Christ."

TABLE OF CUSP TRANSITS

Monthly Ephemeris (Time of Cusp Transits).

Washington, D. C., (Civil Time) Dec. 1937.

moon	sign	day	hour	minute
☾	♈	1	8	58 p. m.
"	♏	4	9	59 a. m.
"	♊	6	10	31 p. m.
"	♏	9	9	13 a. m.
"	♏	11	4	46 p. m.
"	♏	13	8	41 p. m.
"	♏	15	9	34 p. m.
"	♏	17	8	55 p. m.
"	♏	19	8	41 p. m.
"	♏	21	10	51 p. m.
"	♏	24	4	46 a. m.
"	♏	26	2	37 p. m.
"	♏	29	3	4 a. m.
"	♏	31	4	9 p. m.

Heliocentric Cusp Transits of Planets

☼	♏	22	1	32 a. m.
♂	♏	9	2	49 a. m.
♀	♏	18	6	44 p. m.
♂	♏	6	3	16 a. m.
"	♏	13	1	54 a. m.
"	♏	18	7	46 p. m.
"	♏	23	8	30 p. m.
"	♏	28	2	54 p. m.

On the 1st of the Month

♂	in	♏	1°	13'	28"
♂	"	♏	24	46	47
♂	"	♏	4	14	17
♂	"	♏	3	57	3
♂	"	♏	11	58	2

For every added degree of longitude east the sun time is 4 minutes later in the same day,
and for every added degree of longitude west it is 4 minutes earlier.

These tables are in each number of this magazine in order that those who desire to regenerate their bodies may have the data that will help them in their efforts.

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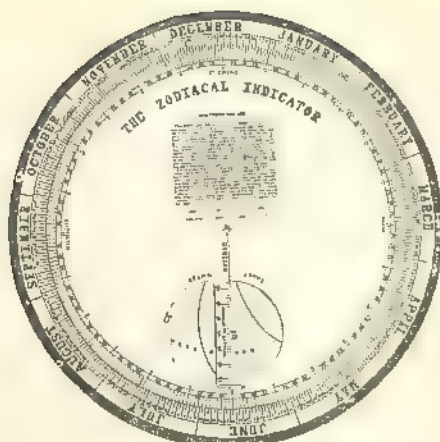
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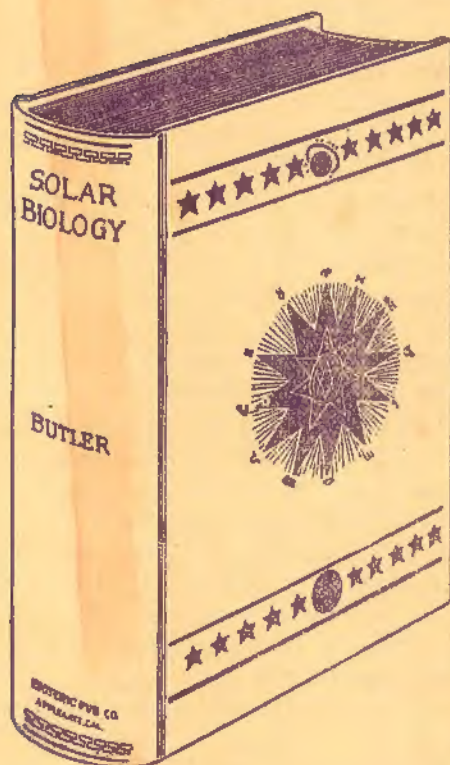
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